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— of the —

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

# LOVING

# Primitive Baptist Association

1870—1952

— Held with —

MARIE'S CHAPEL CHURCH

Commencing on
Friday before the fourth Sunday in September

# 1952

— OFFICERS —

ELDER AMOS H. HUMPHREY ..... Moderator
BROTHER ODELL PETTEWAY ..... Clerk
BROTHER LEE PETTEWAY ..... Treasurer

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# Proceedings

**Of the Loving Primitive Baptist Association, held at Maries Chapel Church, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1952**

The service was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Amos H. Humphrey who sang hymn 533. Prayer offered by Brother Goal Pollock. Then Elder Amos H. Humphrey sang hymn 188, and preached the Introductory Sermon. He treated on the third chapter of 1 John. The Moderator introduced Elder James Hines, who preached the alternate sermon. Elder Hine sang hymn 141. His text was John 14:6. Elder Amos H. Humphrey sang a closing hymn 141, and gave recess for one hour. Benediction by Elder Jonah Bunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled with the Moderator singing hymn No. 3, and prayer by Brother Charlie McNair. The Moderator read Matt. 18:20 for our instruction. The house was announced in order for business.

On motion the Rules of Decorum were read and received.

Moved and seconded that delegates elect officers of the Association. They chose Elder Amos H. Humphrey for Moderator, Brother Odell Petteway Clerk, and Brother Lee Petteway Treasurer.

Moved and seconded that corresponding Elders, messengers, and visiting brethren be invited to sit with us, and feel themselves at home.

Moved and seconded that Elder Amos H. Humphrey, Elder James Hines, and Brother Goal Pollock be chosen as Arrangement Committee.

Moved and seconded that Brother Edgar Humphrey, Brother William Green, and Brother Bill Perrives be chosen as Finance Committee. Moved and seconded that Brother Bill Perrives record the ministers' texts.

Moved and seconded that the roll of churches be called, and delegates make their reports:

Marie's Chapel: Brother Edgar H. Humphrey in love and peace.

Union Grove: Brother Lee Petteway in love and peace.

Catherine Chapel: Brother Odell Petteway in love and peace.

Edney Chapel: Brother Lee Petteway in peace and love.

Hartisville Chapel: Brother William Green in love and peace.

Foy's Chapel: Brother Charlie McNair in peace and love.

On motion the reports of the delegates be received.

Moved and seconded to call for the corresponding Associations, and the messengers make their reports.

Union Association: Elder Ben Sharp came, reporting they were in peace and love, with a file of Minutes. Next session to be held at Mt. Galilee Church on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1952.

Contentnea: Brother Bennie Bryant, with a file of Minutes, reports in peace and love. Next session at Piney Grove Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1952.

Corresponding: Elder S. A. Short, with a file of Minutes in love and peace. Next session at St. Paul Church, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1952.

Little River: Elder M. C. Wilder with a file of Minutes in peace and love. Next session at Princeton, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1952.

Radicue: Elder Warren Cooper, the Moderator, with a file of Minutes, reports peace and love. Next session at Glorious Hope Church on Friday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1952.

Bethlehem: Elder Jihnnie Pitts, with a file of Minutes, in peace and love. Next session at Rocky Valley Church on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1952.

Cooper Grove: Elder W. C. Dancey reported in peace and love, with a file of Minutes. Next session to be held at Pilgrim Rest Church, on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1953.

Sandy Ridge: No messenger.

All of the corresponding delegates were received by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Moved and seconded the Arrangement Committee make their report. They reported to send Brother Goal Pollock to the

stand to open the services, Brother Bennie Bryant and Elder Ben Sharp to preach.

On motion, corresponding letters be called for. None.

Moved and seconded petitionary letters be called for. None.

Moved and seconded to take up unfinished business, if there be any. There was none.

On motion the Conference adjourn until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, ad closed by the Moderator singing hymn 506. Benediction by Elder W. C. Dancey.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The service was opened by praise and prayer, singing hymn 189 by the Moderator. Prayer offered by Elder Ben Sharp. The Moderator announced the house in order for business.

Moved and seconded the roll of the churches be called.

On motion corresponding letters be called for. Move and seconded that petitionary letters be called for. Moved and second yestedray's proceedings be read. They were read and received.

Moved and second the Arrangement Committee make their report. The Committee reports to send Brother Charlie McNair to open service, and Elder M. C. Wilder and Elder W. C. Dancey to preach.

Move and second the Finance Committee make their report. Move and second to receive the report. Move and second to ask for Treasurer's report. Move and second to receive report.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator and Clerk have 500 copies of our Minutes printed. Moved and second the Elders' names and addresses be printed in the Minutes.

Moved and seconded to give the Moderator $6.00, and the Clerk $5.00, and the Treasurer $2.00. Moved and seconded the Moderator pay the expenses of the Association. Moved and seconded to take up unfinished business.

Move and second to adjourn until afternoon. The Moderator sang hymn 506 for closing. Benediction by Elder S. A. Short.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled with the Moderator present. Service was opened by the Moderator singing hymn 38. Prayer

was offered by Elder Warren Cooper. The Moderator announced the house in order for business.

Move and second the roll of the churches be called. Move and second to call for corresponding letter. Move and second petitionary letters be called for. Move and second the Arrangement Committee make their report. Reported to send Brother Debro Bunch to the stand to open service, Elder Joe Taylor, Elder Jimmie Wooten, and Elder Jonah Bunch to preach.

Move and second the Moderator appoint messengers to the different Associations with whom we correspond. Move and second to decide where the next Association is to be held, and who to preach the Introductory Sermon and the alternate sermon. We, your delegates agreed that our next Association be held with Foy's Chapel Church, and Elder James Hines preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Amos H. Humphrey preach the alternate sermon.

Move and second to take up unfinished business. Move and second to read today's proceedings. Read and received.

Move and second that if no further business, the Conference be adjourned until Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1953. Sang a closing hymn, 505. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER AMOS H. HUMPHREY, Mod.,
BROTHER ODELL PETTEWAY Clerk
BROTHER LEE PETTEWAY, Treasurer.

Messengers appointed to the different Associations by the Moderator:

Union: Brother Goal Pollock.
Radicue: Elder Amos H. Humphrey.
Bethlehem: Brother Lee Petteway.
Corresponding: Elder Amos H. Humphrey.
Little River: Brother Goal Pollock.
Sandy Ridge: A file of Minutes and letter.
Contentnea: Elder Amos H. Humphrey.
Cooper Grove: Elder Amos H. Humphrey.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION AT THE STAND.

Services were opened by Brother Goal Pollock, singing hymn

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION AT THE STAND.

Services were opened by Brother Goal Pollock singing, hymn 400 and offered prayer. Brother Bennie Bryant sang hymn 353, and used as a text, att. 5. Elder Ben Sharp sang hymn 18, and his text was Rev. 12. Elder Jonah Bunch treated on the 40th chapter of Psams. The Moderator sang hymn 689, for closing Benediction by the Moderator

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Services were opened by Brother Charlie McNair singing hymn 530, and offered prayer. The Moderator introduced Brother Bennie Bryant to preach Brother Bryant sang hymn 76, and his text was Ruth 1:8. Elder W. C. Dancey used for his and his text was Ruth 1:8. Elder W. C. Dancey used for his text 2 Tim. 1:9. Then the Moderator sang hymn 606 for closing, and gave the benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE STAND.

Services were opened by Brother Charlie McNair singing hymn 345 and offered prayer. Elder M. C. Wilder treated on Isa. 40. Elder W. C. Dancey sang hymn 529, and his text was Matt. 5, and closed by singing hymn 141. Benediction by Elder S. A. Short.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION AT THE STAND.

Service was opened by Brother Debro Bunch singing hymn 191, and offered prayer. Elder Joe Taylor chose for his text John 15. Elder Jonah Bunch chose for his text, "Never man spake like this Man." Elder Warren Cooper chose for his text Isa. 8:9. Closed with hymn 200 and was dismissed.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Service was opened by Brother Debro Bunch singing hymn 674. His text was Rev. 14. Elder Joe Taylor sang hymn 393 and preached with the Spirit. Elder Ben Sharp sang hymn 18. His text was Amos 7. Elder Johnnie Pitts chose for his text Gen 2. Elder Warren Cooper sang 382. His text was John 3. Elder Jonah Bunch chose for his text Rev. 21. Elder Amos H. Humphrey sang for closing hymn 353. Benediction by Elder Amos H. Humphrey.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Service was opened with praise and prayer, singing hymn 530 by Elder Amos H. Humphrey, and prayer by Broher Goal Pollock. Then Brother Bennie Bryant sang hymn 73, and his text was John 24. Elder W. C. Dancey chose for his text Matt. 17. Elder M. C. Wilder chose for his text "Ye are the light of the world." Elder Ben Sharp sang hymn 91, and his text was Gen. 49:10. Elder Johnnie Pitts sang hymn 490. His text was John 15. Elder S. A. Short sang hymn 618. His text was John 14. Elder Warren Cooper sang hymn 631. His text was Ezek. 7. Elder Jimmie Wooten sang hymn 200. His text was Deut. 32. Elder Jonah Bunch chose for a text, "Now I am ready to be offered up," and preached with the Spirit. Elder Amos H. Humphrey the Moderator bore witness with the foregoing Elders and gave thanks to the people for their kindness in helping us carry out the Association, and inviting one and all to be with the Association at Foy's Chapel Church Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1953, and sang hymn 626 for closing. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER AMOS H. HUMPHREY, Mod.,
BROTHER ODELL PETTEWAY, Clerk
BROTHER LEE PETTEWAY, Treasurer.

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## CORRESPONDING LETTER

Dear Sister Association:—

This being our eighty-third anniversary of the Loving Primitive Baptists Association, held with the Marie's Chapel Church.

Dear Brethren: We are glad and thankful that our heavenly Father has blessed us to meet again with our corresponding Elders and brethren in love and peace.

The God who rules both heaven and earth, time and season, has blessed us to have good preaching, good singing, and praying. So brethren, let us stand fast in the faith wherein Christ has made us free, and be led by His Holy Spirit. Let us try to keep our hearts engaged in the wonderful work of the Lord, that our corresponding may ever continue until that day when He will say, Come ye blessed of My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Matt. 25:34).

So dear brethren, pray for us that our faith fail not, and that all we may do may be done to the glory of God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This done by order of the Association Conference.
Written by Elder Amos H. Humphrey.

## ELDERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Elder Willie H. Dixon, Newbern, N. C.
Elder Amos H. Humphrey, Rt. 3, Box 25, Jacksonville N. C.
Elder James Hines, Rt. 1, Box 119, Jacksonville, N. C.
Brother Goal Pollock, Rt. 2, Box 21, Jacksonville, N. C.

## CORRESPONDING ELDERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Elder Jonah Buneh, Black Creek, N. C.
Elder S. A. Short, Bethel, N. C.
Elder Warren Cooper, Fountain, N. C.
Elder Ben N. Sharp,
Elder Johnnie B. Pitts, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder W. C. Daneey, P. O. Box 37, Garner, N. C.
Elder M. C. Wilder, 610 Mongague St., Raleigh, N. C.
Elder Jimmie Wooten, Fountain, N. C.

## OBITUARIES

**Sister Ammie McOllester** departed this life at the age of 41 years, and three months. She was born December 27, 1910, and departed this life March 27, 1952 about two o'clock. She was a member of Hartisville Chapel Church for several years. She was a dutiful and kind and loving sister, always ready to do her part in the church and did not give the church any trouble at all.

So we can say, Sleep on Sister Ammie and take your rest. We will miss you. It is our loss, but heaven's gain.

**Sister Lula C. Hines** departed this life at the age of 69 years, one month and 16 days. She was born May 18, 1883. She departed this life June 3, 1952. She became a member of the church about 50 years ago and wsa a mother to the church several years. She was a loving sister, and worked hard for the church, always ready to assist and do what she could. We loved her, but God loved her best. We will all miss her, but won't forget her. This is our loss, but heaven's gain. Sleep on, Sister Hines and take your rest.

**Sister Annie Sidburry** departed this life in her seventy-fifth year. She passed away September 26, 1952. She was a member of Foy's Chapel Church about 37 years. She was the mother of Foy's Chapel Church. She was a good and kind and loving mother, and was loved by all the members. She was always on her job teaching the members right, and was ready to assist and do all she could to keep the church in love and peace. She is missed by us all. It is our loss, but heaven's gain. She is not dead, she is just away.

Sleep on, Sister Annie and take your rest. We loved you, but God loved you best.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, these three for on inseparable union.

2. We believe the scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments as being the word of God.

3. We believe in original sin, that man is accountable before God for his own sins.

4. We believe that man is impotent to recover himself from his fallen state by nature, or his own free will.

5. We believe that sinners are justified before God only through the atonement of His Son, Jesus Christ.

6. We believe in the resurrection of the dead bodies of men and in

general judgment.

7. We believe that baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper and washing the disciples' feet as the true method of faith and practice.

8. We believe that God's elect will never be lost.

9. We believe that all ministers of the gospel shall be set apart by the hands of a regular presbytery after being called of God before being allowed to administer baptism and the Lord's Supper.

## CONSTITUTION

We, the members of the Primitive Baptist Church, grateful to Almighty God, the sovereign Ruler and Head of all things, do for the preservation of our faith and religious freedom, adopt this Constitution.

1. This Asseiation shall be known at the Loving Association of the Primitive Baptists.

2. The Loving Association is in love and fellowship with all Associations of the same faith.

3. The Association shall be composed of ministers and delegates from sister churches. Letter may also represent churches.

4. The Association shall meet once each year and shall be composed of a conference, which conference shall have power to make or change any and all laws to govern the several churches during the ensuing year.

5. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The Moderator shall preside during the Conference, put all proper questions and decide points of order, but shall not vote only in case of a tie. If the Moderator wishes to absent himself from the Conference, he may do so by calling some brother to fill his seat.

6. The Association at its annual meeting shall be represented by delegates not exceeding three from each church.

7. No minister or elder who has been placed in charge of any church as pastor or assistant shall be removed from his pastoral or assistant's care of said church or churches for any offence unless a majority of the church or churches of which he is acting as pastor or assistant, shall find sufficient cause for his condemnation and then said minister minister may appeal to this Conference for a new hearing which shall be granted him. At which even the decision of the Conference shall overrule the decision of the churches unless there be five churches that have made such decision.

8. Each church shall have a deacon and a Clerk, which shall collect the dues from the members to defray the expenses of Christ's Supper, and deliver same to the deacon of said church which deacon shall make all purchases necessary for said Supper. After which, if there be any money remaining it shall be given to the helpless members of said church.

9. Any church or churches failing to comply with these rules must be excluded from this body.

10. No church shall be received in this Association unless it is in peace.

11. All ministers belonging to this Association shall be ordained by a presbytery.

12. All pastors and licentiates must present their license at each session of this Association.

13. The Contitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the Association Conference.

14. Members who will not obey our rules, which are simple and easy, must not be held.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. Every regular meeting shall be opened with prayer, either by the Moderator, or some member he may choose.

2. No motion shall be debated until seconded.

3. Each member speaking must rise and address the Moderator.

4. All private conversations during the meeting must be dispensed with.

5. No member shall absent himself from the Conference unless excused by the Moderator.

6. Each church shall fast at least three days each year, and oftener, if the members decide.

7. Each church shall have a Moderator and be governed by the scriptures.

8. No members shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismissal. If any come otherwise they can only be received by experience and baptism.

9. If a member attempts to raise confusion in the churches whether a minister or a member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

10. No member shall be allowed to visit barrooms, balls, parties, or in any way violate the rules and regulations adopted by this Conference, and if they do, they will be in the hands of the church and liable to be excluded unless a lawful excuse be given.

11. Members who will not obey these rules, which are simple, and easy, must not be held.

12. When a member has been excluded for violating church rules, and comes back and makes confession before the church it is the duty of the church to receive such members, and if there be any who through malice are not willing to receive such a member, they shall be received, and those so opposed shall be in the hands of the church.

13. No minister or member shall have any right to carry any church or churches, or any property, belonging to the Loving Primitive Baptist Association to any other Association.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | COUNTIES | PASTORS | TIME FOR QUARTERLY MEETING | Baptised | Rec'd by Letter | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Restored | Deceased | Membership |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Union Grove .... | Craven ..... | Elder Willie Dixon .... | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Catherine Chapel | Onslow ..... | Elder A. H. Humphrey | Sat. before 4th Sun. in Mar. ..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Edney Chapel ... | Onslow ..... | Elder A. H. Humphrey | Sat. before 3rd Sun. in Jan. ..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Hartisville Chapel | Onslow ..... | Elder James Hines .... | Sat. before 1st Sun. in Feb. ..... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 27 |
| Foy's Chapel .... | Onslow ..... | Elder James Hines .... | Sat. before 4th Sun. in Feb. ..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Marie's Chapel .. | Onslow ..... | Elder A. H. Humphrey | Sat. before 2nd Sun. in Feb. ..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |